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## **New Abstract**

The following newly written Abstract is provided to replace the previous Abstract, which is hereby cancelled.

## **ABSTRACT**

Disposable absorbent article suitable for absorbing and retaining aqueous body fluids including a substantially fluid impervious backsheet having a discontinuity therein and an absorbent core between the backsheet and a topsheet. The absorbent core includes a non-removable component and a removable and replaceable component, with access for its removal provided by the discontinuity in the backsheet, in fluid communication with the non-removable component. The replaceable absorbent core component may be removed and a like component may be substituted in place of the removed component without removal of the absorbent article from the wearer.